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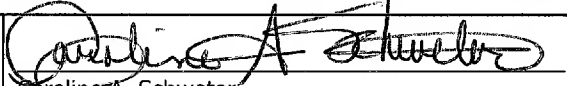
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<b>Serial No.: 09/815,946</b>	)	Art Unit:	
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Filed: 03/23/2001	)		
For: TIE DOWN COUPLING	)		
SYSTEM	)		
Attorney Docket No.:	)	Cleveland, Ohio	
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**AMENDMENT**

United States Patent and Trademark Office  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action outstanding against this application,  
please enter these amendments and remarks:

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Date: August 24, 2006	 Caroline A. Schweter

**IN THE CLAIMS**

*Kindly amend the claims as shown in the following complete listing of all claims:*

1. (previously presented) A cargo trailer tie down system comprising:
  - a mounting track associated with one side of a cargo carrying area;
  - a tie down strap comprising a terminal end with a hook;
  - a hook hanger adjustably positioned on the mounting track, wherein said hook hanger comprises a body including: (i) a mounting bracket comprising a mounting profile conforming to and slidably matable with said mounting track, (ii) a hook anchor; (iii) first and second walls located relative to said hook anchor to define an open space between said first and second walls and said hook anchor for slidably receiving said hook through an open end of the open space, and (iv) a retainer member connected to said body and selectively positionable to block said open end and capture said hook in said open space by preventing sliding exit of said hook from said open space via said open end.
2. (previously presented) The cargo trailer tie down system of claim 1, wherein said hook anchor is defined as an extrusion with said hook hanger body.
3. (previously presented) The cargo trailer tie down system of claim 1, wherein said mounting track is selected from the group consisting of double-L mounting tracks, C-channel mounting tracks, and integral mounting tracks formed in association with said side of said cargo carrying area.
4. (canceled)

5. (previously presented) The cargo trailer tie down system of claim 1, wherein said retainer member is pivotably connected to said body of said hook hanger.

6. (canceled)

7. (canceled)

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13. (canceled)

14. (canceled)

15. (canceled)

16. (canceled)

17. (canceled)

18. (previously presented) The cargo trailer tie down system of claim 1, wherein said second wall is positioned to contact the hook during vertical movement of the hook prior to release of the hook vertically from the hook anchor to prevent vertical disengagement of the hook from the hook hanger.

19. (canceled)

20. (canceled)

21. (canceled)

## REMARKS

### Restriction Requirement

The undersigned acknowledges the restriction requirement and the Examiner's withdrawal of claims 6 and 8 from consideration. Claims 6 and 8 have now been canceled for presentation in a divisional application. **The applicant hereby elects to prosecute the invention of Group I, claims 1-3, 5, and 18 which have been allowed by the Examiner. All other claims have been canceled.**

### Drawings

Formal drawings (7 sheets) including all approved amendments are submitted herewith and are each marked "REPLACEMENT SHEET" as required.

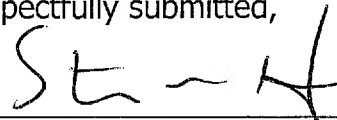
### Fees

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### Conclusion

It is respectfully submitted that this application is now in condition for allowance.

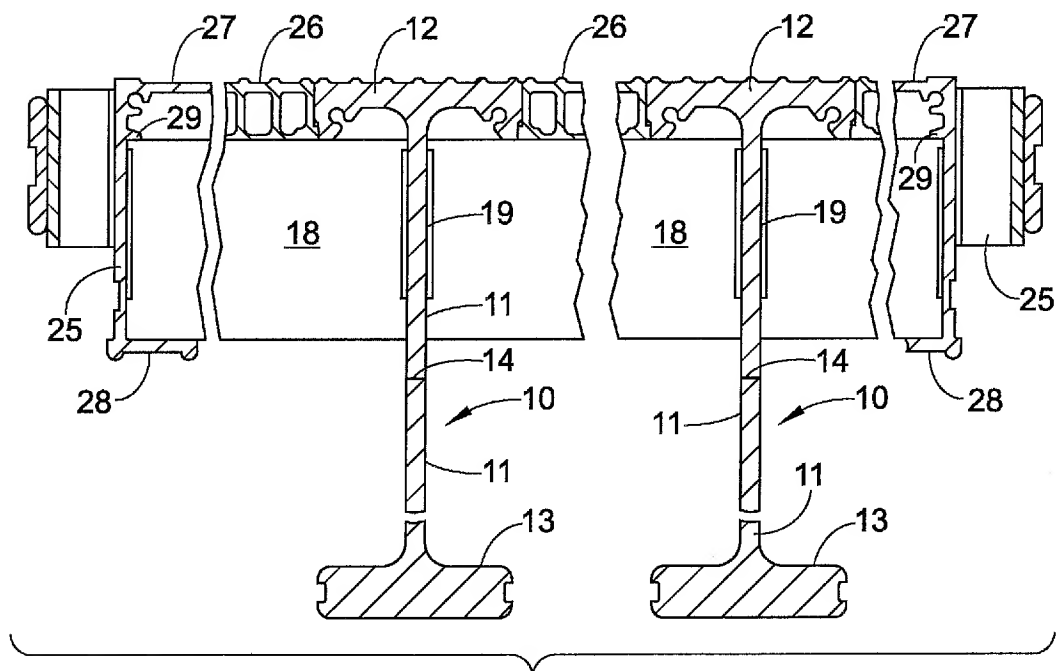
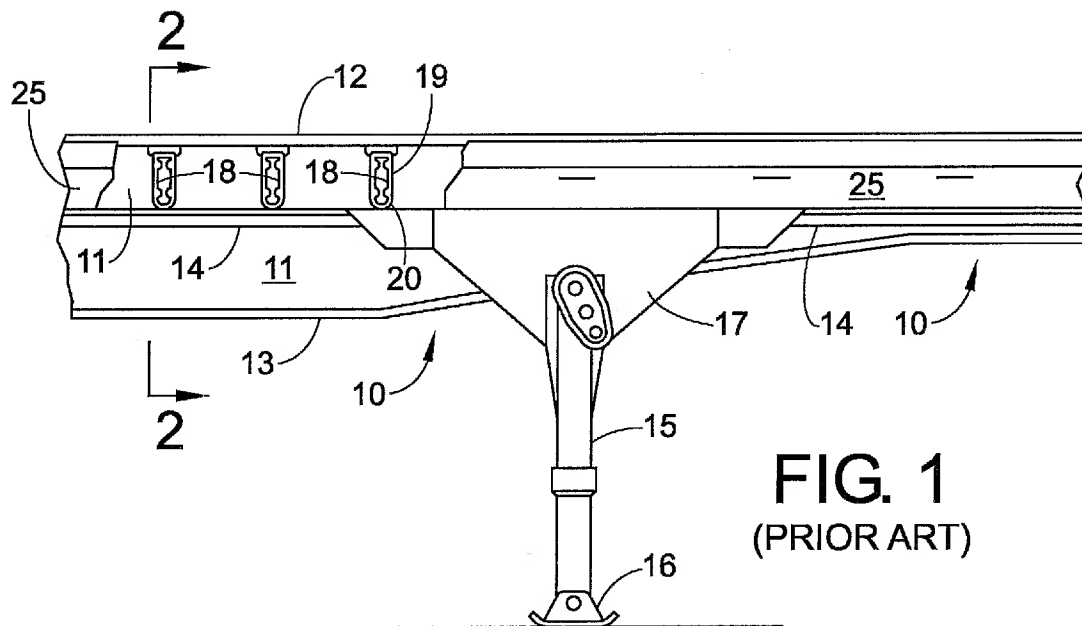
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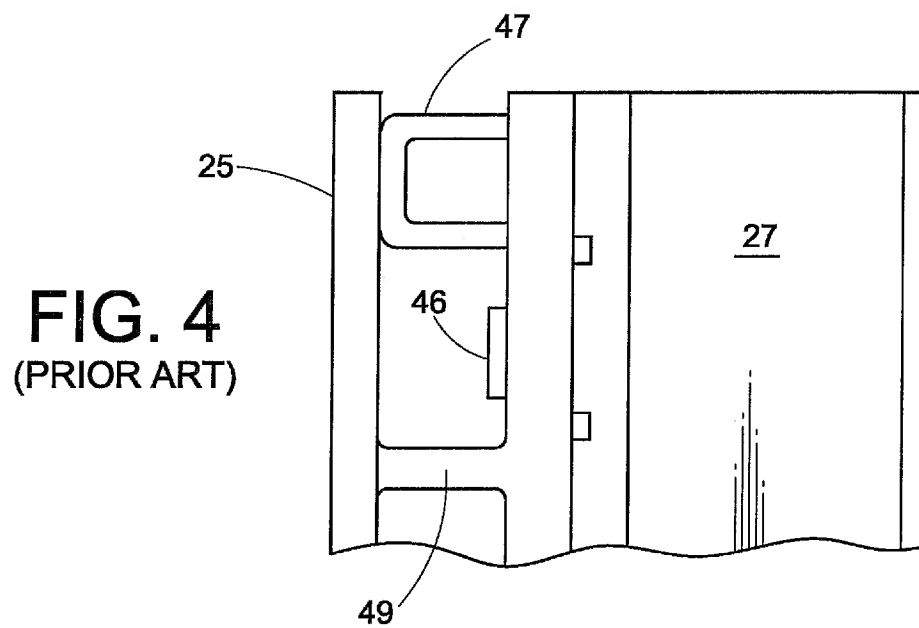
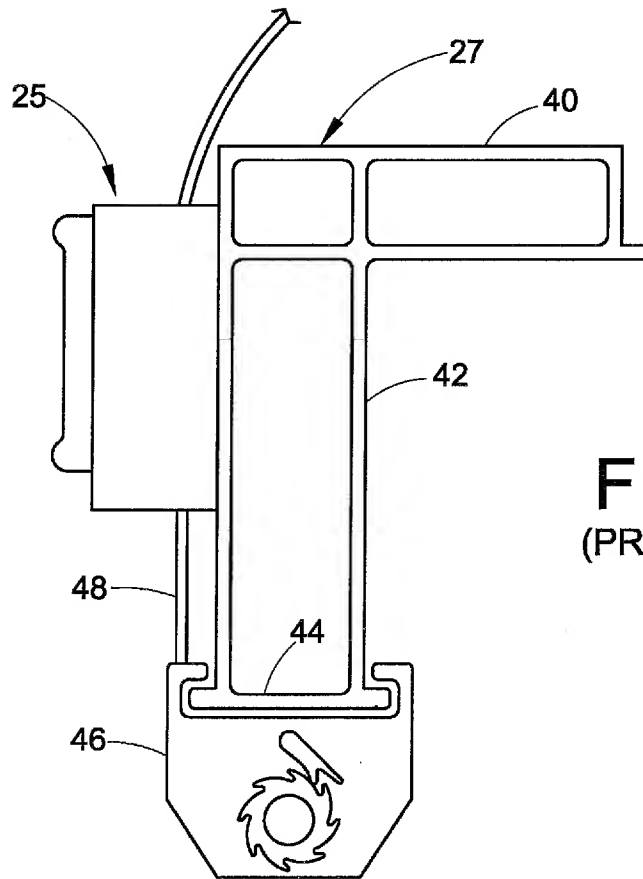
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**FIG. 2**  
(PRIOR ART)

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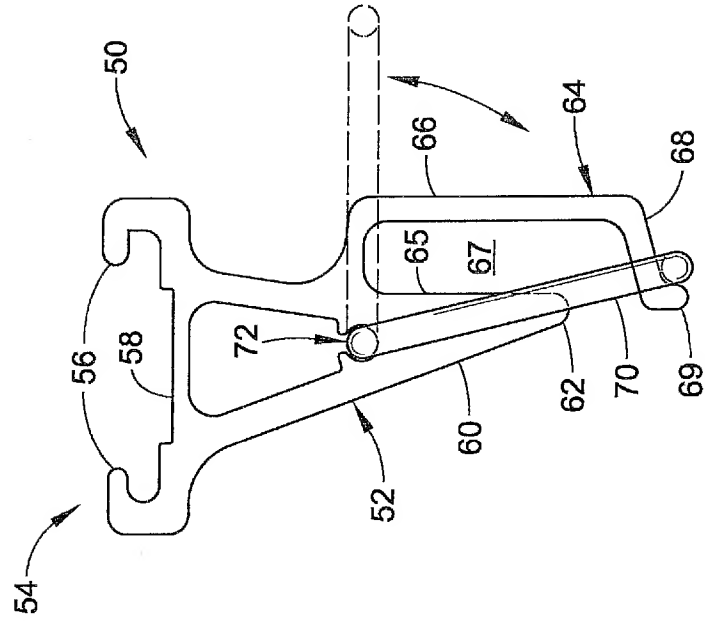


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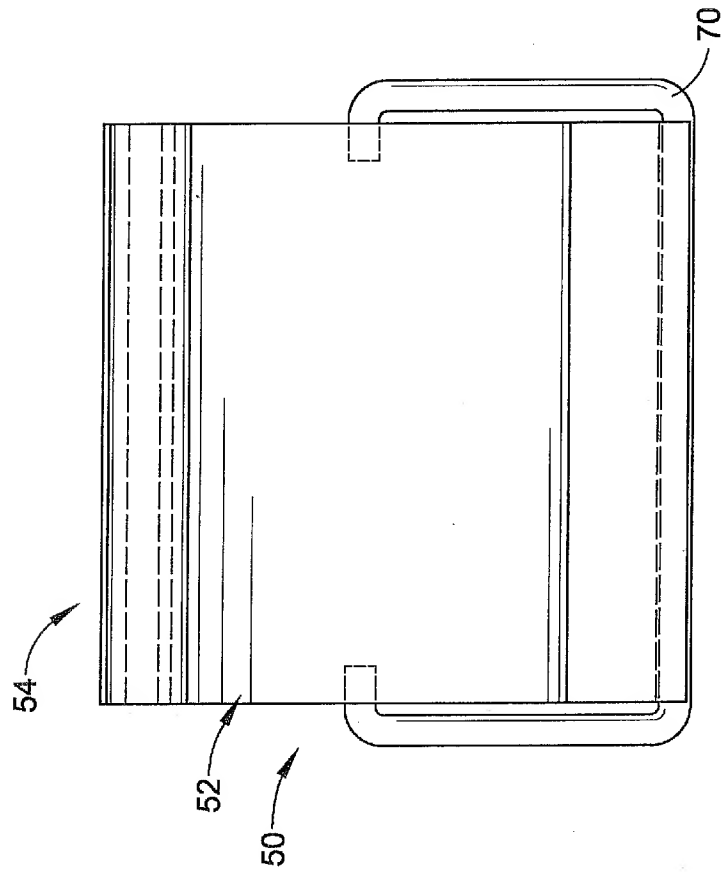


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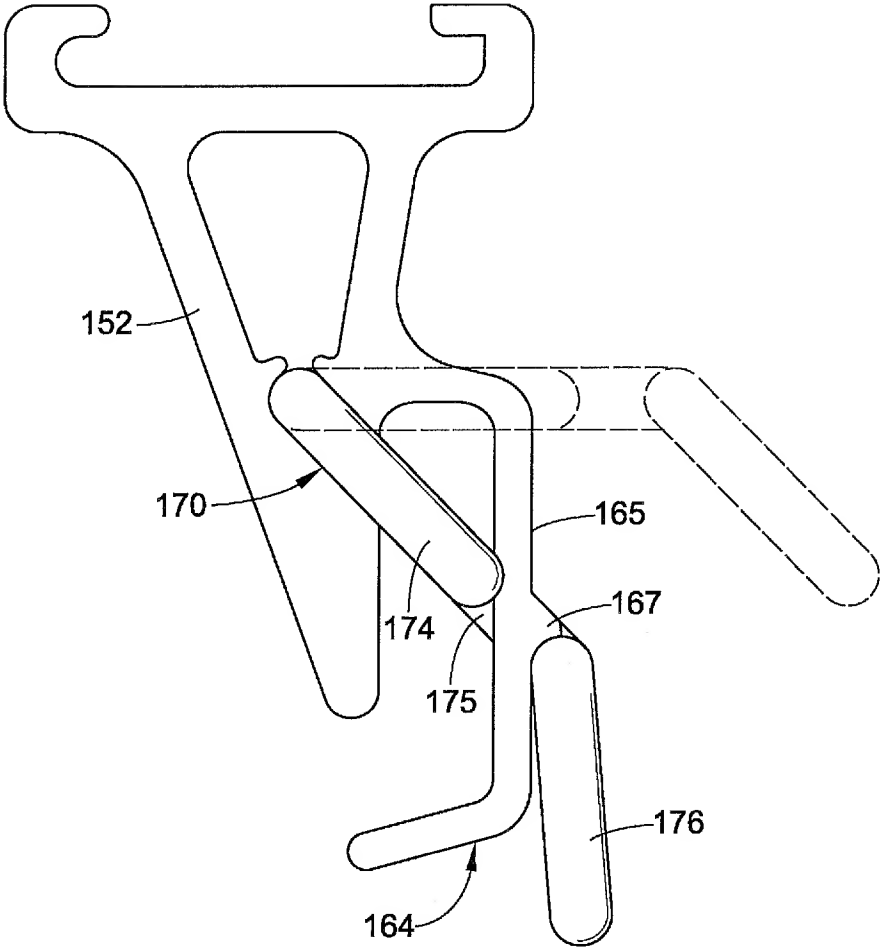


FIG. 5A



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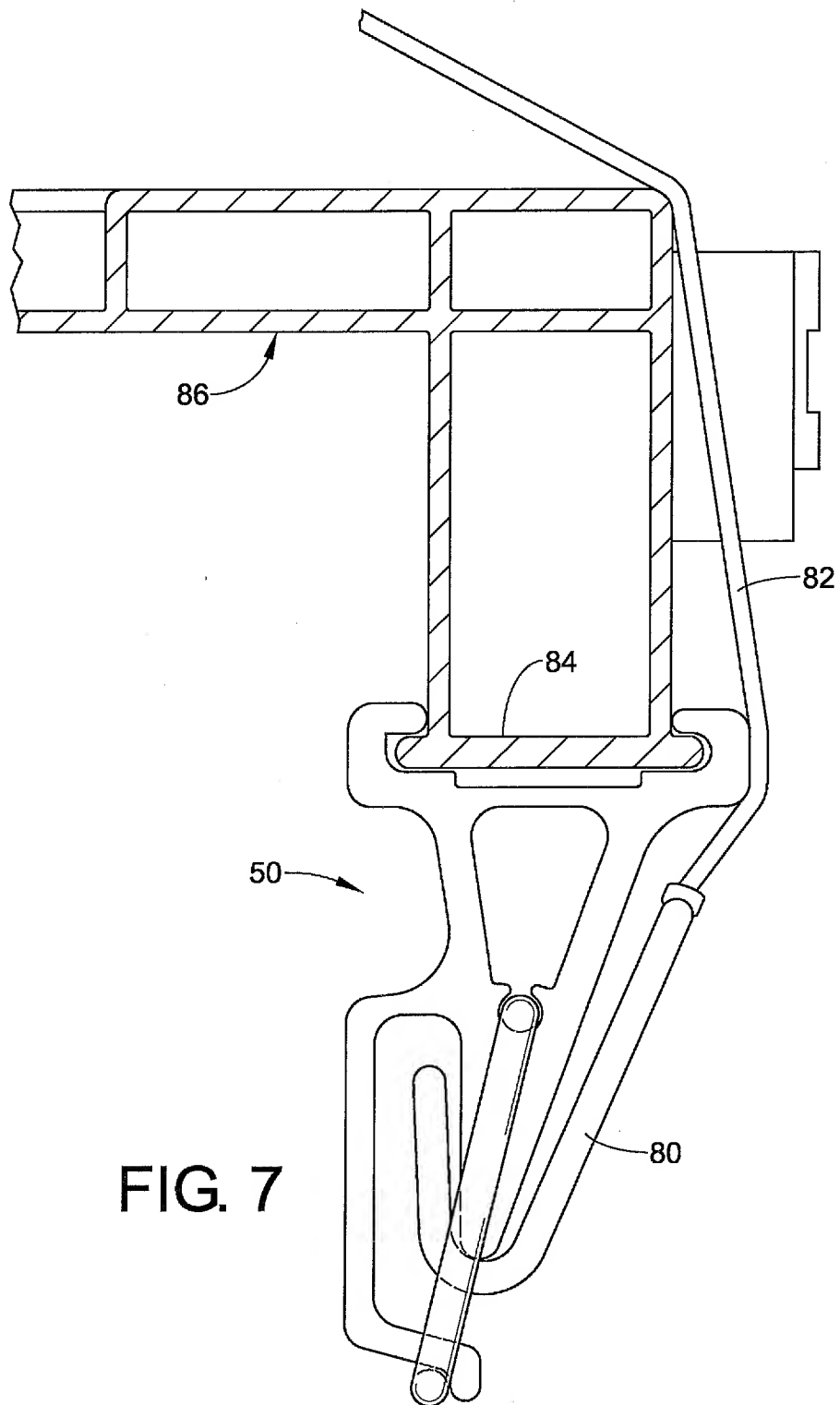


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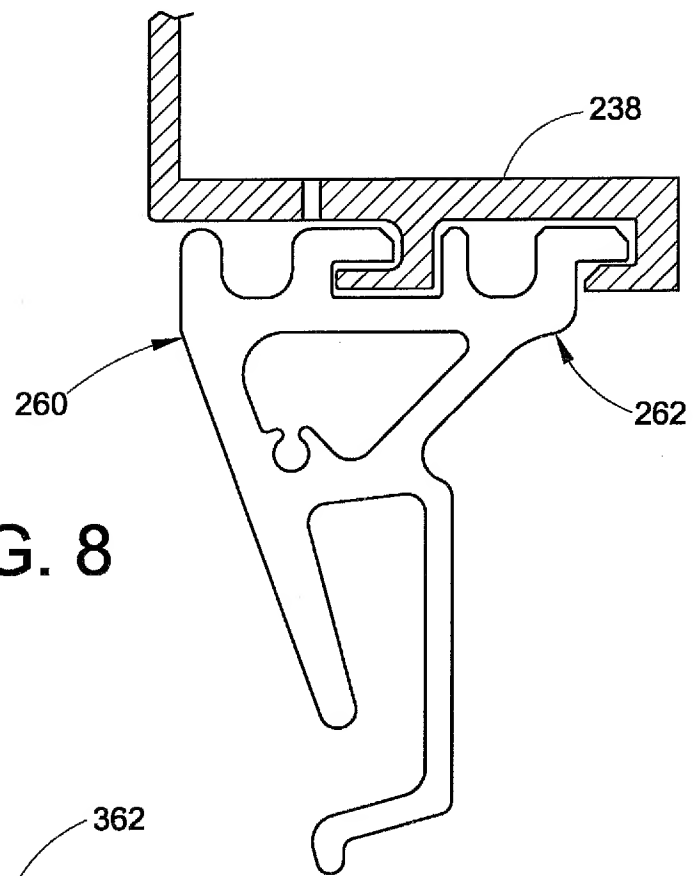


FIG. 8

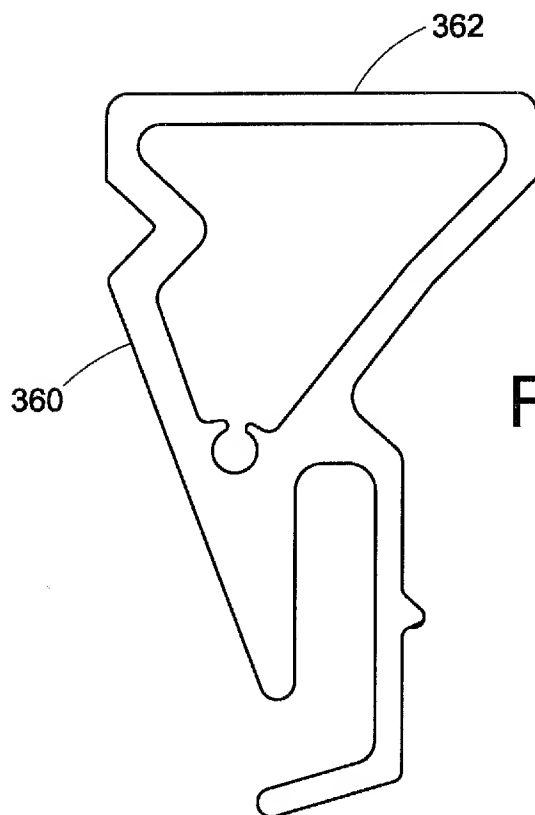


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FIG. 10A

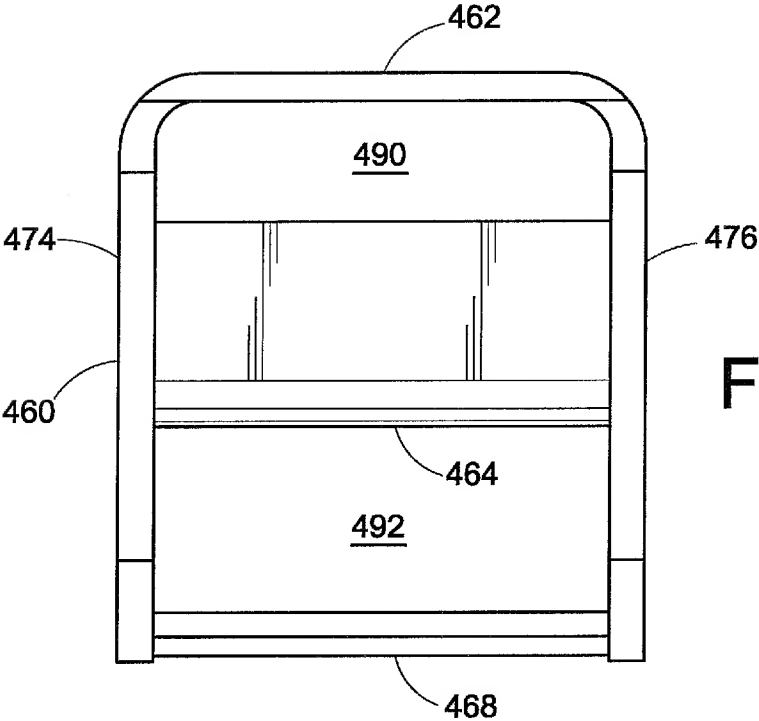
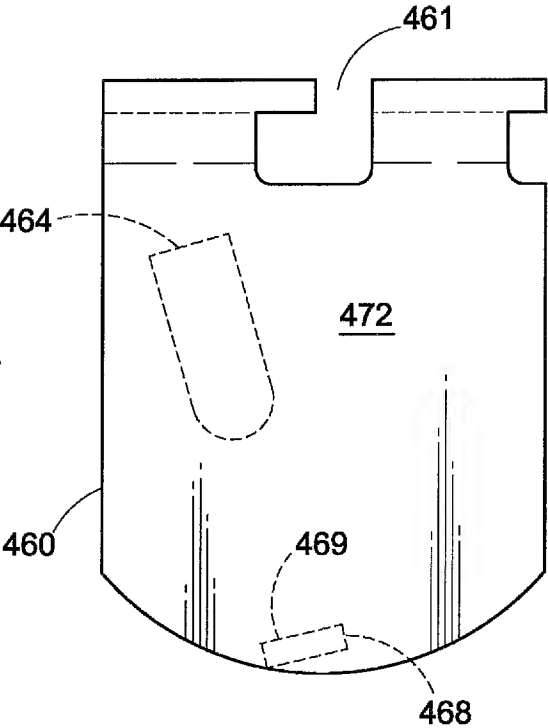


FIG. 10B